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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY, LLC DBA JOHNSON UTILITIES COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS WITHIN PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA.

Docket No.: WS-02987A-08-0180

INTERVENOR TOWN OF FLORENCE'S OPENING BRIEF

Pursuant to the orders of the Administrative Law Judge Hon. Teena Wolfe, Intervenor Town of Florence presents its Opening Brief in this matter.

Florence, as a municipal water provider, intervened in this matter hoping to promote the development of equitable rates for water and wastewater service within its corporate limits as a matter of public policy. The current and future residents of Florence will be substantially affected by the rate increase proposed by the applicant Johnson Utilities Company (the "Applicant"), because a large portion of the Town of Florence is within the territory comprised by the Certificate Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") of Applicant. At this time, the Town of Florence has approved the development of 37,399 dwelling units within the CC&N of Applicant.

Having considered the testimony of each party's witnesses in this matter, The Town of Florence respectfully asks the members of this Commission to adopt and approve the recommendations contained in that document filed in this matter entitled "Staff's Notice of Filing Final Schedules" dated October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Town of Florence believes that the recommendations contained in "Staff's Final Schedules" will, in fact, promote equity in the

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provision of water and wastewater treatment services rendered to the citizens of the Town of Florence.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 20th day of November 2009.

James E. Mannato

Florence Town Attorney

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